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**Applicant:** Gregory Owen Miller, et al.  
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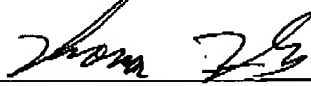
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**Title:** METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A DISHWASHER DOOR  
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PATENT

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS  
FOR SECURING A DISHWASHER  
DOOR

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**TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is: Amendment in Response to Office Action dated October 16, 2002 (11 pgs.); Submission of Marked Up Paragraphs and Claims (3 pgs.); and Certificate of Facsimile Transmission (1 pg.).

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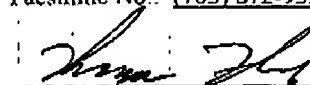
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

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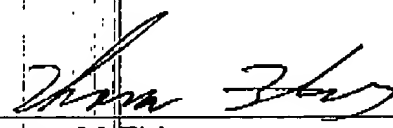
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## AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

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A latch assembly for a door including a door retainer projection is provided. The latch assembly includes a handle pivotally mounted to the door for rotation about a first end, and a latch actuator contacting the handle and mounted to the door for rotation about a first end. The handle rotates in one direction when actuated and the latch actuator rotates in a second direction opposite the first direction. A keeper is engaged to the door retainer projection in a closed position, and the latch actuator is configured to disengage the keeper from the door retainer projection when the handle is actuated.

IN THE CLAIMS

B2

1. (twice amended) A latch assembly for a door including a door retainer projection, said latch assembly comprising:

a handle pivotally mounted to the door for rotation about a first end;

a latch actuator contacting said handle and mounted to the door for rotation about a second end, said handle rotating in a first direction when actuated and said latch actuator rotating in a second direction opposite the first direction; and